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Applicant: Thomas Cremer et al. Group Art Unit: 1655
Serial No.: 08/669,229 Examiner: J. Fredman
Filed: June 24, 1996
For: ARRANGEMENT OF NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCES AND ITS USE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This application claims German Convention priority no. DE 43 44 726.0 filed
December 27, 1993 and is a continuation of Application Serial No. 08/669,229. In advance of
the first Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

After the title and before the BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION insert the following:

--This application claims German Convention priority of DE 43 44 726.0 filed
December 27, 1993 and is a continuation of application serial no. 08/669,229, the complete
disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference.--

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